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### **Pearl Harbor Shipyard Honored for Donating \$657,000 to Combined Federal Campaign**

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**PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii** — In spite of the worst recession to hit the state in the past 50 years, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard workers opened up their hearts and their checkbooks by donating \$657,245 to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). This earned the Shipyard “silver” status at the CFC Recognition Luncheon at the Hale Koa Hotel Jan. 21.

Separate divisions within the Shipyard collectively earned seven platinum, four gold and four silver statuses.

The 2009 Shipyard fund drive, which began Sept. 1 and ended Dec. 15, is part of an annual campaign throughout the federal government. Donations made to CFC help support more than 4,000 local, national and international charities.

“Even though this was a tough year economically for most people, Shipyard employees were quick to support the gift of giving,” said CFC Project Officer Brendan Cravalho.

A highlight of the 2009 Shipyard campaign was the 4 percent jump in employee payroll deductions to CFC, up 84 percent from 80 percent during the 2008 campaign.

“This was the highest deduction we’ve had in years,” said Cravalho. “It’s normally in the high-70’s percentile, but this year was outstanding.”

Cravalho kept close tabs on that statistic because he believes that if employees choose to give through payroll deductions, they tend to pledge larger overall amounts. A little more than half of the Shipyard workforce, 54 percent, made a contribution.

The Comptroller Department (Code 600) defended its title in participation, reaching 100 percent for the second year in a row. Budget Analyst Buena Harding, who served as the department’s CFC coordinator, said, “I talked to my fellow employees individually, and explained that the CFC needed our help. I didn’t pressure them, but everyone volunteered. Even five to ten dollars a person will make a difference overall.”

According to Cravalho, this was only the second time in the past nine years he has run the campaign that a Shipyard unit has ever achieved perfect participation.

“This year was outstanding because people are willing to give and participate despite their individual financial challenges,” said Harding.

The Industry Management Department (Code 400) came in second with 80 percent participation.

The amount raised fell short of the financial goal of \$722,000. However, Cravalho’s primary focus remained the same — contact everyone in the Shipyard and make them aware of CFC.

A late start in the campaign and the state’s economic woes undoubtedly affected the level of giving. Still, seven departments surpassed their CFC financial goals.

The Business and Strategic Planning Office (Code 1200) achieved 125 percent while the Structural and Fabrication Shop (Code 920) came in at 116 percent.

Other units exceeding their goals were the Occupational Safety, Health and Environment Office (Code 106), 115 percent; the Operations Department (Code 300), 113 percent; and the Nuclear Engineering Department (Code 2300), 111 percent.

The Engineering and Planning Department (Code 200) and Production Resources Department (Code 900) both reached 103 percent.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is a full-service naval shipyard and regional maintenance center for the U.S. Navy's surface ships and submarines. It is the largest industrial employer in the state of Hawaii with a combined civilian and military workforce of more than 4,700. It has an operating budget of about \$687 million, of which more than \$426 million is payroll for civilian employees.

Strategically located in the mid-Pacific, the Shipyard is about a week of steam time closer to potential major regional contingencies in East Asia than sites on the West Coast.

For more information on Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, visit <http://www.navsea.navy.mil/shipyards/pearl/default.aspx>.